

Appl. No. 09/250,056
Suppl. Amdt. Dated September 15, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-5, 11-15, 34-40, 43-44, and 53-67 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 11-13, 34, 39, and 40 being amended herein. No new matter has been added to the application by way of the above amendments, which are entirely formal in nature.

Phone Interview

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions in clarifying the claim language in preparation for allowance, as discussed in the phone interview on Thursday September 15, 2005.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If there are any further issues outstanding in this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to discuss.

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Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) Facsimile cover sheet

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